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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: JOSEPH H. BARTOZZI ET AL. Serial No.: 09/998,814 Filed: October 24, 2001 For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LOCKING FIREARM IN AN OPEN POSITION BY BLOCKING ACTION

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ACCOMPANYING RESPONSE

**Assistant Commissioner** for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Provisional Election with Traverse in response to the First Office Action dated October 10, 2002 (Restriction/election requirement -- one month period for reply). Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and M.P.E.P. § 710.02(c), Applicant respectfully requests that the deadline for filing this Response be extended one month, from November 10, 2002 to December 10, 2002.

A check for \$110 is enclosed to cover the fee for this request. Please charge any additional fee which may be required or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 08-2622.

Respectfully submitted,

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